of plant & machinery from the overseas facility, the same is determined by the EXIM policy, which lays down the rules and procedures for use of the imported machinery.

As far as the protection of the interest of labour is concerned, the same is ensured by the labour laws, which are applicable to all companies incorporated in India.

Benefits from Export Processing Zones

1374. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Export Processing Zones and Free Trade Zones in the country, State-wise;

(b) the benefits accrued to the country as a result of these zones during the last three years, year-wise and zone-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to establish any such new zones in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) In the Indian context, "Free Trade Zones" (FTZs) and "Export Processing Zones" (EPZs) are synonymous terms. There are at present four Export Processing Zones (EPZs) located at Noida (Uttar Pradesh), Chennai (Tamil Nadu), Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) and Falta (West Bengal).

(b) The exports generated by the zones during the last three years are given below:

Exports (*Rs. in crores*)

Zone	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
Noida EPZ	845.63	1034.20	980.41
Madras EPZ	545.42	690.84	762.59

Zone	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
Falta EPZ	266.60	519.97	923.83
Visakhapatnam EPZ	119.04	219.08	250.98
TOTAL:	1776.69	2464.09	2917.61

In addition to the above, the Zone units provide employment to about 36,000 persons.

(c) and (d) An Export Processing Zone is already functioning at Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh. As per the policy, the Central Government is not to set up any new EPZ. However, Export Processing Zones can be established by the State Governments or in joint/private sector.

Losses suffered by MMTC in Joint Venture

1375. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether CAG has reported a loss of Rupees 4.75 crore by MMTC in a joint venture called Indo-French Bio-tech Enterprises Ltd.;

(b) if so, what action has been taken against the officers responsible for the same; and

(c) what are the detail of other joint ventures of MMTC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) and (b) Sir, Comptroller and Auditor General (C and AG) has reported a loss of Rs. 4.75 crores (Rupees four crores & seventy five lakhs only) invested by MMTC towards Equity Capital in a Joint Venture called Indo-french Bio-tech Enterprises Ltd. (IFBEL) for production and export and agro-based produce. The loss is attributed to erosion in equity capital. Therefore, it does not call for any action against any officer.

(c) The details of other Joint Ventures of MMTC are given in the Statement.